

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INCREASE IN PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF FRUITS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

he details of the steps taken by the Government to increase fruit production and encourage export of fruits and fruit by-products?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture – Supplementation / Complementation of State efforts through Work Plans under which assistance is being extended for development of fruits also. Under this scheme the State Governments can prioritize their activities as per their felt needs and requirement. The fruit growers can avail the benefits of the scheme by way of getting good quality planting material of fruit crops through nurseries, assistance for area expansion, productivity improvement programmes and training on latest technologies. The Government is also implementing various schemes through National Horticulture Board such as

(i) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Post harvest management and capital investment subsidy for construction/modernization/ expansion of cold storages to address the issues on post harvest management and quality of produce.

For encouraging export of fruits and fruit products the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) is providing financial assistance to individuals/exporters for various activities like setting up Infrastructure Facilities, Packaging Development, Human Resource and Development, Export promotion Market Development, and Quality Control. Besides, APEDA along with the State Governments have initiated several programmes under Agri-Export zones for focused attention on area-based programmes for export promotion of fruits. Agri-Export Zones for fruits like Mango, Litchi, Grapes, Banana etc. are being set up in potential belts in the country.